

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of processing data recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a plurality of zones forming a group, to manage defects at a group level, a spare area for replacing defects for the group, and start position information for each zone in a predetermined area of the recording medium, the method comprising:

reading start position information in the predetermined area of the recording medium, with the predetermined area having start position information for each zone, including a start logical sector number;

accessing the data recorded on the recording medium based upon the read start position information; and

reproducing the accessed data.

2. A method of processing data recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a plurality of zones forming a group, to manage defects at a group level, a spare area for replacing defects for the group, and start position information for each zone in a predetermined area of the recording medium, the method comprising:

reading start position information in the predetermined area of the recording medium, with the predetermined area having start position information for each zone, including a start logical sector number, and with the predetermined area being in a disc definition structure area of a defect management area of the recording medium;

accessing the data recorded on the recording medium based upon the read start position information; and

processing the accessed data.